

FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM 203

COUNCIL: Becky Oglesby, Keith Hall, Daryl Kramer, Aaron Leffingwell, Joe Sizemore, Jeff Koch and Dean McQueen

Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open:

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome:

President Oglesby welcomed everyone and informed the audience if anyone wants to speak they should come to the microphone, introduce themselves and they would have 2 minutes. Aaron Leffingwell will keep the time. During the public comment 13 people spoke from the audience and all but 3 were against the Public Safety Tax. Following the comments President Oglesby then read Ordinance 2015-14 "An Ordinance for a County Adjusted Gross Income Tax Rate for Public Safety." After reading the Ordinance, Councilman Kramer made a statement concerning why the tax was needed. He noted that over the past 2 years council has made significant cuts and eliminated 6 jobs, the county lost Riverboat money; therefore there was no other place to cut in the county except the Highway and the Sheriff Dept. He also made known that no Council member wants increase taxes. Also that we cannot continue deficit spending as in the past. Councilman Keith Hall noted as to why he is against the tax stating it is a solution. The main cause is that we have been spending too much. The budget increase the last four years at 6.8% whereas our revenues were going up 2%. He also noted that the tax funds would be spent in 2 years and that part of the tax monies will go to the municipalities and the county has no control over that spending. Councilman Leffingwell said if the tax passes that he will make an appearance at each municipality and ask that they sign an interlocal agreement where they will give back their portion of the tax to the County. The Council then voted with 5 in favor – Kramer, Leffingwell, Sizemore, Koch and McQueen and 2 against – Hall and Oglesby. At this time President Oglesby read Resolution 2015-24 "Resolution Designating the Usage of Public Safety Income Tax for a

PSAP System.” The vote passed 6 -0. This Resolution will earmark a specified amount for the communications center and less money will go to the municipalities.

Adjourn: With no other business coming before the Council a motion was made by Daryl Kramer to adjourn and was 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Larry Merkel, Linda hall, Jeff Batchler, Betty Lecher, Wilma Ripperger, Dorothy and Don Kuntz, Robert Lecher, Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, Vicky Guthrie, Stanley Monroe, Charles Neeley, Michael Brier, Ross Fain, Dawn and Don Maucher, Shirley Peters, Lou and Diane Wendell, Be and Carol Hiatt, Julie and Roger Bommer, Grant Reeves, John Estridge, Darrell Smith, Richie Baudendistel, Don Smith, Eric Roberts, Bill Schirmer, Robert Braun, Wayne Monroe and Karla Bauman. The names are spelled correctly according to the sign in sheet.

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Attest: *Stephen Brack* Stephen Brack, Auditor